

481A.125A Remote control or internet hunting — criminal and civil penalties.

1. As used in this section, “*remote control or internet hunting*” means use of a computer or other electronic device, equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming or discharge of a firearm or other weapon, allowing a person who is not physically present to take a wild animal, a game bird or ungulate kept on a hunting preserve under chapter 484B, or a preserve whitetail kept on a hunting preserve under chapter 484C.

2. A person shall not offer for sale, take, or assist in the taking of a wild animal, a game bird or ungulate kept on a hunting preserve under chapter 484B, or a preserve whitetail kept on a hunting preserve under chapter 484C, by remote control or internet hunting.

3. A person who violates this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this section is punishable as a class “D” felony.

4. In addition, any person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty, which may be levied by the department, of not more than ten thousand dollars for each violation of this section. The moneys collected from imposition of a civil penalty shall be deposited in the state fish and game protection fund.

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